

# **Small Business Profile**

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# Kansas

242,581 Small Businesses

**56,086** Small Businesses with Employees

**186,495** Small Businesses without Employees (Nonemployers)

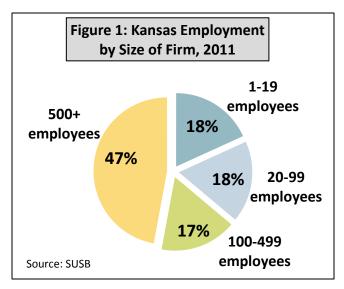
**588,945** Workers Employed by Small Businesses

# **State Economy Overall**

- Kansas's economy grew at a slower rate than the United States in 2012. Kansas's real gross state product increased by **1.4 percent** compared to **2.5 percent** for U.S. gross domestic product. (Source: BEA)
- The employment situation in Kansas has improved. The unemployment rate in Kansas declined from 5.4 percent in December 2012 to 4.9 percent in December 2013. This is below the national average of 6.7 percent. (Source: BLS)

# **Employment**

- Kansas's small businesses employed over half or 588,945 of the state's private workforce in 2011.
- Almost all firms with employees are small. They make up 96.5 percent of all employers in the state. Table 3 offers further industry detail on small firms.
- Firms with fewer than 100 employees have the largest share of small business employment. **Figure 1** offers further detail.
- The three industries with the most small business employment were: health care & social assistance, accommodation & food services, and retail trade (Table 4).
- In Kansas, small businesses created 603 net new jobs in 2011. The biggest gain was in the smallest firm size category of 1-4 employees. (Source: BDS)



- The number of people who were primarily self-employed increased in 2012. For demographic detail on the state's self-employment, see **Figure 2**.
- The state's private-sector employment increased in 2013 by **1.6 percent**, which was below the national average growth rate of **2.1 percent**. (Source: BEA, BLS)

The Small Business State and Territory Profiles report on the economic status of small business from 2010 to 2013. They include information on the number of firms, employment, demographics and other topics using the most recently available government data. They are a reference tool for researchers, policymakers, and small entities who are interested in how small firms are performing regionally or nationally. Note that this report defines small businesses as firms with fewer than 500 employees.

#### **Income and Finance**

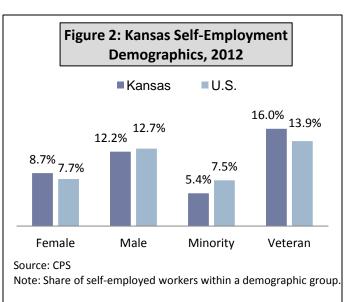
- Most small businesses are sole proprietors. Annual income from sole proprietorships increased 6.1 percent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2013 and totaled \$12.7 billion. (Source: BEA)
- The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation tracks banks and bank branches and publishes annual data for each state. For more detailed information see www2.fdic.gov/sod/sodSummary.asp?barItem=3.
- In 2012, **43,068** loans under \$100,000 (and valued at **\$474.3 million**) were issued by Community Reinvestment Act lending institutions in Kansas. (Source: FFIEC)

# **Business Owner Demographics**

• In 2011, there were an estimated **67,000** woman-owned businesses and **19,000** minority-owned businesses. For additional business demographic information, see **Table 1** and **Figure 2**.

Table 1. Demographics of All Kansas Businesses,					
2011					
	Number of All Businesses <sup>e</sup>	Share of All Businesses (%)*			
Male Owned	109,000	44.4			
Woman Owned	67,000	27.5			
Equally Male and Female Owned	59,000	24.3			
Minority Owned	19,000	7.7			
Veteran Owned	24,000	9.7			
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e = Advocacy estimate. \*2007 SBO. Note: This estimate is based on the share of business owners in the 2007 SBO. This share is multiplied by the total number of businesses in 2011 (employer + nonemployer firms). These shares will not be updated to 2012 until fall 2015. Thus, the 2011 estimates assume the 2011 shares are the same as 2007. For more information, visit www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/files/ks10.pdf.



### **Business Turnover**

- **Table 2** gives Kansas's establishment survival rates over an eight-year period, 2002-2010.
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2013, 3,126 establishments opened and 2,874 closed in the state of Kansas. (Source: BED)
- Business bankruptcies declined in net from 2010 to 2013, signaling a stronger state economy. (Source: U.S. Courts)

Table 2. Survival Rates of					
Establishments in Kansas					
	Establishments	Share Surviving			
	Opened*	Until 2012 (%)			
2002	5,428	32.2			
2007	5,681	49.4			
2010	4,700	67.1			
Source: BLS, BED. *Data year ending in March.					

#### **International Trade**

A total of 3,387 companies exported goods from the state in 2012. Of these, 2,830 or 83.6 percent were small firms; they generated about a quarter (24.5 percent) of the state's total known export value. (Source: ITA)

Table 3: Number of Kansas Small Firms by Industry, 2011							
(ranked by number of small employer firms)							
	Employer Firms	Employer Firms	Nonemployer	Total Small			
Industry	With 1-499 Employees	With 1-19 Employees	Firms	Firms			
Other services (except public admin.)	7,387	6,908	27,830	35,217			
Retail trade	6,935	6,149	19,346	26,281			
Construction	6,641	6,131	20,375	27,016			
Professional, scientific, & tech. svcs.	6,397	5,912	22,674	29,071			
Health care & social assistance	5,585	4,561	16,554	22,139			
Accommodation & food services	4,160	3,177	2,509	6,669			
Finance & insurance	3,304	2,948	7,510	10,814			
Wholesale trade	2,949	2,228	3,027	5,976			
Admin., supp., waste mgt., remed. svcs.	2,904	2,555	14,476	17,380			
Manufacturing	2,366	1,680	2,708	5,074			
Real estate & rental & leasing	2,250	2,106	18,386	20,636			
Transportation & warehousing	1,994	1,777	6,832	8,826			
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	940	808	8,565	9,505			
Mining	898	795	6,168	7,066			
Educational services	626	492	4,260	4,886			
Information	605	462	2,169	2,774			
Management of comp. & enterprises	262	53	0	262			
Forestry, etc. & agriculture support	192	186	2,978	3,170			
Unclassified	126	124	0	126			
Utilities	53	24	128	181			
Total	56,086	49,017	186,495	242,581			

Table 4: Employment in Kansas by Industry and Firm Size, 2011						
(ranked by small firm employment)						
	Employm	Employment				
Industry	Small Firms	Total Firms	Industry Employment (%)			
Health care & social assistance	105,888	189,323	56			
Accommodation & food services	62,863	104,212	60			
Retail trade	61,275	146,158	42			
Manufacturing	55,482	153,926	36			
Construction	47,722	54,415	88			
Other services (except public admin.)	46,307	50,341	92			
Professional, scientific, & tech. svcs.	40,628	56,408	72			
Wholesale trade	36,594	60,949	60			
Admin., supp., waste mgt., remed. svcs.	30,911	69,203	45			
Finance & insurance	28,014	57,248	49			
Transportation & warehousing	15,361	46,089	33			
Educational services	12,680	19,584	65			
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	11,066	13,648	81			
Real estate & rental & leasing	10,269	15,561	66			
Information	9,383	39,960	23			
Mining	7,268	9,513	76			
Management of comp. & enterprises	4,485	18,666	24			
Utilities	1,900	7,354	26			
Forestry, etc. & agriculture support	664	680	98			
Unclassified	D	D	D			
Total	588,945	1,113,423	53			

Source, Tables 3 and 4: SUSB

See www.sba.gov/advocacy/847/841921 for more detailed data.

Note: Small firms are defined as nonfarm firms having fewer than 500 employees.

(D) Data suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individual firms.

## **Abbreviations and Resources**

**BEA** Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, www.bea.gov.

**BED** Business Employment Dynamics, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov/bdm.

BDS Business Dynamics Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, www.census.gov/ces/dataproducts/bds.

BLS Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, www.bls.gov.

CPS Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics,

www.census.gov/cps.

**FDIC** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, www.fdic.gov.

**FFIEC** Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, www.ffiec.gov.

ITA International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, www.trade.gov.

SBO Survey of Business Owners, U.S. Census Bureau, www.census.gov/econ/sbo.

SUSB Statistics of U.S. Businesses, U.S. Census Bureau, www.census.gov/econ/susb.

**U.S. Courts** Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, www.uscourts.gov.